GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any new schemes or taken new initiatives during last two years for rehabilitation of disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds released along with the number of persons benefited therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (c) A new scheme entitled National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities has been started during the current financial year. Under this scheme, 250 scholarships each for male and female disabled students for pursuing post matric/post secondary professional and technical courses of duration not less than one year are provided. A sum of Rs.19,72,324/- has been released benefiting 171 disabled students this year. In order to generate awareness and dissemination of information on the facilities available through the institutional mechanism, an awareness campaign was launched on pilot basis in 12 districts in the country in 2001-2002.